

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Claims 1 – 9, 11 – 15, and 17 – 22 are currently pending in the referenced application.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5 - 7, 9, 11 – 13, 15, and 17 - 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee, U.S. Patent No. 6,345,364 (hereinafter “Lee”).

Claim 1 includes a limitation of wherein a first output is independent of a second stage. Lee does not disclose this limitation. As a result, since Lee does not disclose all the limitations of claim 1, claim 1 is not anticipated by Lee.

Lee discloses a power supply for a display apparatus which can provide a stable supply power to a Universal Serial Bus (USB) hub when the display apparatus enters the power-off mode of Display Power Management Signaling (DPMS) (Col. 2, lines 18-23). The power supply, as shown in **Figure 2**, includes several components. A microcontroller 170 performs DPMS control functions (Col. 4, lines 37-40). One output terminal of the microcontroller 170 is connected to a drive transistor 116 in the DPMS power switch 110 (Col. 4, lines 19-21). The microcontroller 170 varies this output terminal to change the output of the DPMS power switch 110, thereby varying the DC output voltage V_{DC} (Col. 4, lines 45-

67). Thus, the output V_{DC} depends on the microcontroller 170, and Lee does not disclose a first output that is independent of a second stage, as in claim 1.

Claims 2, 3, and 7 depend from claim 1, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1. Since claim 1 is not anticipated by Lee, claims 2, 3, and 7 are also not anticipated by Lee.

Claim 9 includes a limitation of wherein a first output is independent of a second circuit. Lee does not disclose the limitation, and therefore does not anticipate claim 9. Specifically, as mentioned above, the microcontroller 170 of Lee changes the output V_{DC} . As a result, Lee does not disclose a first output independent of a second circuit, as in claim 9, and claim 9 is not anticipated by Lee.

Claims 11-13 depend from claim 9, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 9. Since claim 9 is not anticipated by Lee, claims 11-13 are also not anticipated by Lee.

Claim 15 includes a limitation of wherein a first output is independent of a secondary circuit. Lee does not disclose this limitation, and therefore does not anticipate claim 15. Specifically, as mentioned above, the microcontroller 170 of Lee changes the output V_{DC} . As a result, Lee does not disclose a first output independent of a secondary circuit, as in claim 15, and claim 15 is not anticipated by Lee.

Claims 17-19 depend from claim 15, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 15. Since claim 15 is not anticipated by Lee, claims 17-19 are also not anticipated by Lee.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Jansen, U.S. Patent No. 5,835,360 (hereinafter referred to as "Jansen").

Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1. As mentioned above, claim 1 is not anticipated by Lee. Jansen does not add the missing limitation of claim 1. As a result, since claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1, claims 3 and 4 are patentable over Lee and Jansen.

Examiner rejected claims 8, 14, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Claims 8, 14 and 20 depend from one of the above discussed independent claims and therefore include all the limitations of the independent claim. As mentioned above, the independent claims are not anticipated by Lee. AAPA does not add the missing limitations of the independent claims. As a result, since claims 8, 14 and 20 depend from the independent claims, claims 8, 14 and 20 are patentable over Lee and Jansen.

Examiner rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee.

Claims 21 and 22 depend from claims 1 and 9, respectively, and therefore include all the limitations of claims 1 or 9. Since claims 1 and 9 are not anticipated by Lee, claims 21 and 22 are patentable over Lee.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Arlen Hartounian at (408) 720-8300.

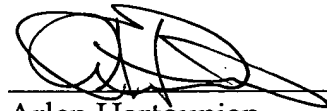
Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

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